GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3589
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2005
ALLOTMENT OF PETROL PUMPS TO FREEDOM FIGHTERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): the policy for allotment of petrol pumps/ gas agencies/kerosene depots to freedom fighters;

(b): the number of petrol pumps/gas agencies/kerosene depots allotted to freedom fighters during each of the last three years, State-wise/company-wise;

(c): the number of applications of freedom fighters pending with the Government for allotment of petrol pumps/gas agencies/kerosene depots at present; and

(d): the steps taken by the Government for speedy disposal of applications?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): Based on certain broad parameters advised by the Government to the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), the latter have framed their respective guidelines for the selection of retail outlet dealerships(petrol pumps), LPG distributorships(gas agencies) and SKO-LDO dealerships, and have been making selections/allotments in terms of these guidelines. These guidelines contain a provision for reservation of 2% in allotment of dealerships/ distributorships to Freedom Fighters. Persons applying for dealerships/distributorships reserved for the Freedom Fighters category, are required to attach a certificate or Tamrapatra or an attested copy of the Pension Order issued by the Accountant General in pursuance of the sanction letter from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India of their having been Freedom Fighters. The selection is made by the selection committees of the OMC concerned on the basis of evaluation of the suitability of the candidates vis-Ã -vis certain laid down parameters and weightages.

(b)&(c): OMC-wise position of the number of retail outlet dealerships and LPG distributorships allotted to Freedom Fighters during each of the last three years, i.e., 2002-03 to 2004-05, are given in the Annex. There has been no allotment of SKO-LDO dealerships under this category during this period. The State-wise details of such allotments and the number of applications received from the Freedom Fighters for allotment of dealerships/distributorships are available with the Director(Marketing) of the OMCs.

(d): The selection of dealers/distributors, including those under Freedom Fighters category, involves various stages like formulation of selection committees, interview of the candidates, capability of the selected candidates to arrange for infrastructure, field verification, issue of Letters of Intent, obtaining suitable land/necessary statutory approvals/ licences, constructions, etc. The OMCs are being advised to expedite the disposal of pending applications of Freedom Fighters.

AnnexANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) AND (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3589 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.8.2005 REGARDING ALLOTMENT OF PETROL PUMPS TO FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

Allotment of retail outlet (RO) dealerships and LPG distributorships (LPG) by the public sector oil marketing companies to the Freedom Fighters during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05.

Oil Marketing Company	Year	Number of allotments made in respect of	
		RO	LPG
Indian Oil Corporation Limited	2002-03	7	1
	2003-04	4	7
	2004-05	15	5
Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited	2002-03	0	1
	2003-04	0	2
	2004-05	6	1

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited	2002-03	2	1
	2003-04	5	2
	2004-05	18	2
IBP Co. Limited	2002-03	0	1
	2003-04	4	0
	2004-05	12	0
TOTAL		73	23